

some length on the usual meaning of the words translated "minister" in the Bible, showing their meaning as used in their different connections, treating the subject under two heads: "Natural Qualifications and Acquired." He said the natural qualifications come first, because we begin with nature. Tho those qualifications which may be acquired by training of the mind and heart, and developing the intellect, drawing out all the forces of the mind and soul, are very essential to a complete and successful ministry. The subject was thrown open for discussion and questions. Brother Beekley, What is truth? Answered by Brother Teeter, "Truth is that which is, i. e., the known quantity." Brother Welty said, "Education is the drawing out of the inner man. This may be had by diligent observation of common things, i. e., the brook, the meadow, the forest." Brother Hall thought "a minister must have zeal, determination, and that care should be exercised as to what schools we send our children, and also our ministers to be educated. Some minister suggested at this point that the laymen be given a say as to the qualifications a minister should have.

An address by W. A. Welty on "Pastoral Visitation." He thought those who would do this kind of work should have special qualifications—"Spiritual, full of love, able to comfort and instruct, should be forward to visit especially the poor. He should be sympathetic. He believed that in this field there should be co-operation of pastor and people. The pastor should be able to help his people to a higher spiritual life." A profitable discussion followed. It was suggested that care should be exercised that the pastors should guard against the pastoral call degenerating into a mere social function. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY 1:30 P. M.

Devotional services by J. O. Talley. Report of secretary read and approved. Committee reported 32 delegates present.

Address by Clara Flora. "The need of lay workers, and how to secure them." She said, "Idleness is condemned everywhere. 'Go work in my vineyard,' when, today, is God's command. Perhaps if we would encourage those we have who do work we would have more. To criticise is bad; criticism kills enthusiasm; it is not to be expected that any one can please everybody. Cultivate courage and spiritual sacrifice; don't criticise new beginners but help them.

Address, Z. T. Livengood, "Bible teaching on a salaried ministry." He said, "Some people think he might make his living some other way. But the Bible teaches that under the Old Testament the priests were to have no part in the division of the land, but were to be supported by the tithes and offerings; they were to have part in the spoils of war and the redemption money, and the first born of every thing. Jesus seems to teach that the worker was worthy of his hire. This is shown from many scriptures. Is it right for a preacher to lay up some thing for a rainy day, some thing against possible sickness? Yes. The ministry has a right to a share of the fruits of the toil of those who reap temporal things. A ministry that costs a church nothing does that church an injustice, in that the church is deprived of bearing their part of the burden. The minister should have ample compensation. The church should honor and respect him." Open for discussion. Question by Brother Connell, Have you any plan? Answered by Brother Livengood, No, only the gospel plan, the church needs constant teaching on that point. Brother Bashor, "We some times differ as to what is work. Preparation for preaching is very hard work. Therefore the ministry is a work of its self that will abundantly employ all a minister's time. Brother Myers thought that we do wrong in not teaching a church to support her ministry. Brother Puterbaugh thought that possibly different situations may best determine the practicability of a salaried or an unsalaried ministry. Brother Welty thought that a pastor who

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preaches for nothing is doing wrong. Brother Connell thought all of us believe our ministry should be supported, and that we should use the time in devising a plan for raising money for an increased ministry.

The subject, "The relation of organized and self-supporting churches to missions" assigned to brother Noah Flora was, in his absence opened by Brother Bashor. He thought that our greatest mistake was, that when we started missions, we did not stick to them and provide them pastors till they become self-supporting.

A motion prevailed that the secretary be instructed to purchase a book of record for the minutes of the conferences. A motion prevailed that we take an offering to go to the support of brother Benjamin Beekley, of East Elkport, Ia., who is very poor and sick and in need. The offering amounted to \$14.93. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 P. M.

Devotional services by Sadie Gibbons, after which J. O. Talley delivered a sermon on "Missionary work," basing his remarks on Heb. 11, subject "Far sighted faith." Reviewing the promises made the Patriarchs and their longings for better things he said, God is not ashamed of those of every age who desire better things and is not ashamed to be called their God. From Abraham to the present day, including the apostles and early Christian martyrs, those who went everywhere preaching the gospel, were men who desired better things and looked forward into the unborn centuries with an eye of faith to see the harvest from their sowing. So must we now believe God and know that we can not sow his word in vain, tho we may not always see in our day the gathering of the fruit, but our children will see it, and praise God that we were inspired to sow faithfully. The church needs men of great courage, faith and determination, men that will leave home and kindred for the word's sake, men who will place themselves on the altar. Such men God can and will use. The church should be a praying church. Pray for the work daily, then we will not forget to lay by us daily for the Master's work. We should take steps as rapidly as possible to make all our mission points permanent and established work. At the close of the sermon he briefly presented the Chicago work, and the steps that had been taken to acquire permanent location and place of worship. A plea was made for money. Brother

Talley was asked to define the term mission as used in his address. He answered "A place where the gospel is preached, drawing its support from missionary boards." A collection was taken for the district work amounting to \$15.94.

THURSDAY 9 A. M.

Devotional service led by Eli Hoover. J. A. Myers delivered an address, subject, "Church supervision." He said, "We need overseers. Mission fields should be selected and inspected before entering them. There are two classes of mission work—rescue work and that looking toward establishing permanent churches. It is the work of the boards to inspect missionary fields and work of missionaries." The speaker was inclined to congregational government. He thought we as a church should take some action along those lines. He believed the word lovingly administered was sufficient. Brother Hansel thought a man who is called to rule the flock should have the love of God in his heart, and the word was all sufficient in all matters of discipline. Brother Livengood said "We already have all the good points suggested by Brother Myers and have always practiced them where needed." Question by Brother Livengood, "Suppose an evangelist goes to a church without pastor and does some work and subsequently a pastor is selected who does not heed the work of the church and evangelist prior to his coming. What would you do with him?" No answer.

Report of treasurer of District Missionary Board was read by Brother Livengood, as submitted by D. S. Lichty, treasurer, to wit:

Receipts

From district conference 1900,	\$ 3 79
March 21, Amanda Puterbaugh,	15 00
July 7, S. J. Thomas,	1 05
Aug. 22, Church, Milledgeville,	5 06
Aug 24, Amanda Puterbaugh,	10 00
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	\$34 90

Disbursement

March 4, J. O. Talley,	\$ 3 79
March 21, J. C. Cassell,	15 00
July 19, J. O. Talley,	1 05
Aug. 22, Z. T. Livengood,	5 06
Aug. 30, J. O. Talley,	10 00
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